

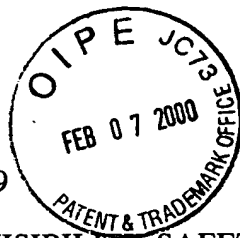
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, applicant desires to bring to the attention of the Office certain information that may be material to patentability of the above-identified invention. This submittal of information is also in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, *et seq*, and pertinent sections of the MPEP.

Remarks

The information is discussed below, and listed on the attached form PTO 1449. Copies are enclosed for the examiner's consideration.

U.S. Pat. 5,695,893 to Billingsley, et al. discloses a high visibility fabric and safety vest.

U.S. Pat. 5,146,625 to Steele, et al. shows a cooling vest.

U.S. Pat. 5,031,244 to Inagaki shows a meshy garment for warming desired portions above the waist of the wearer of the garment.

U.S. Pat. 4,875,237 to Cohen shows a jacket for selectively displaying information.

U.S. Pat. 4,601,067 to Buonassissi discloses a vest with inside pockets for receiving cool or warm packs.

U.S. Pat. 4,517,685 to Lesley shows a retro-reflective attachment for wearing apparel.

U.S. Pat. 4,328,533 to Paredes shows an illuminated safety garment.

U.S. Pats. 4,171,555 to Bakker et al. and 4,150,464 to Tracy show buckles for adjustably securing the ends of web-like material.

U.S. Pat. 3,085,250 to Finlay shows an article of wearing apparel with detachable back extension.

U.S. Pat. Des. 273,818 to Spencer shows a safety vest for runners.

U.S. Pat. Des. 257,910 to Viio discloses a workman's vest.

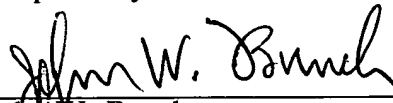
U.S. Pat. Des. 203,250 to O'Link shows a reversible vest.

Publication AA is an advertisement by Head Lites Corp of St. Paul, Minnesota about the prior STOPPER vehicle-in-distress flag which can also be worn as a personal safety device.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is distinguishable and patentable over the prior art. Favorable action on the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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